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## Voicemail Transcript

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed  
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the  
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company  
STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

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### Transcript:

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> message, all continuous that I'm leaving. This will be the last one. I would like to think that this group, the Environmental Impact Study, and the STB would look at alternatives or raise the question, what is our masterplan for freight? CREATE in the City of Chicago, was designed and studied and a lot of money spent on it and money has been appropriated over \$300 million has been appropriated to start clearing up some of the bottlenecks in Chicago, why is that not being considered as a part of this? You know, it just doesn't make sense and if that doesn't make sense to someone, then why can't a masterplan for freight. We know where our master highways are, someone needs to determine where our master super freight lines will be. We need, I'm not debating it, but to run them right through middles of towns that have been developed, doesn't make any sense and if it does make sense, then all the mitigation costs should be paid by the people that benefit. If we want to say that's CN, then let CN pay for it. I don't see where the taxpayer is benefitting, but if the taxpayer is, let them pay, but who has the money? The taxpayer doesn't have the money, the Federal government doesn't have the money, and the state doesn't have the money, so, you know, look at alternatives, come to the funding, how can you make a report and a recommendation and a study without looking at the financial impact? It just doesn't make any sense. If this is an academic theory that we're gonna have 15 grade crossings, we're not sure who's gonna pay for them, there should be a hell of a lot more grade crossings. It just does not make sense. Please. Put on your conscience and vote with your conscience, look at this thing and say it isn't right, it isn't right, there has to be more thought and consideration put into, there should be a masterplan, and we shouldn't let a foreign entity come rolling right through and cost us, this is gonna cost billions. If you look at the loss, increase fuel cost, the reduced property values, the loss of businesses, the loss to the tax basis, if you look at lubing costs, if you look at all this, it's billions that this is gonna cost at what benefit. Please, please consider this and turn this sale down, it does not make sense, and let's get the House bill 6707 regenerated and look at how to do things, look at the impact, evaluate it and then if we still feel like we need a freight line, who's going to pay for all the impact. Just to say they're going to happen and grade crossings are gonna haoen, it's not without a plan, without a financial plan. The life, the risk, the anxiety and I have never felt, I've lived here for 30 years I've never felt the anxiety and wishing I lived someplace else, I love this community and to see what you're doing and the scare that you're putting into it and to have friends and neighbors say, hey, I'm moving, is a shame, and I hope they don't move because I hope this is turned down very quickly, and the quicker you can get this negative decision approved the better because in addition to the economy, you know, you're already having an effect on property values, but I'll guarantee you that they'll go down another 15% if you let this happen, and all up and down this railroad track and the winners will see an increase of 15% because people know that those lines will be back filled again. You just look at <cut off>